

## Message Text

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O 262153Z MAY 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE  
INFO USLO RIYADH IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, ETRD

SUBJECT: HEJAZ RAILWAY

1. AMB (RET.) HENRY TASCA, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, PARSONS-BRINCKERHOFF CENTEC (WHICH IS IN JOINT VENTURE WITH FRENCH FIRM SOFRERAIL FOR SUBJECT PROJECT) CALLED DEPT. MAY 26 FROM ROME TO SAY THAT HIS COMPANY'S STANDING ON PRE-QUALIFICATION LIST FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING CONTRACT WAS IN JEOPARDY DUE INSISTENCE BY SAUDIS ON JOINT COMMISSION FOR HEJAZ RAILWAY THAT PARSONS-BRINCKERHOFF ANSWER BOYCOTT QUESTIONS. MATTER IS URGENT AS DECISION WILL BE MADE BY JUNE 2 IN PREQUALIFICATION LIST. UNDERSTAND SYRIANS AND JORDANIANS HAVE BEEN MORE COOPERATIVE THAN SAUDIS UP TO NOW.

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2. PLEASE INVESTIGATE MATTER ASAP, TAKE WHATEVER CORRECTIVE ACTION YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, AND REPORT TO DEPT. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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